

DAVID RICHARDSON—WIDOW AND CHILDREN OF.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 444.]

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MARCH 23, 1860.

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Mr. J. M. LEACH, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions,  
made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom were referred the petition, papers, and a bill relating to the granting of a pension to David Richardson, deceased, and an increase of pension to his widow, Sarah Richardson, deceased, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:*

It appears from the papers that David Richardson lived until 1842, but from his ignorance or patriotism, or some other cause, he did not assert his claim for a pension. After his death, his widow, Sarah Richardson, did make her application, and was granted a pension under acts of March 3, 1843, and June 17, 1844, and although she claimed that her husband served *three* years in the war of the revolution, in the State of North Carolina, she was only allowed for *seven* months' service, say at the rate of \$23 33 per annum, to the period of her death, which occurred on the 30th of October, 1847. From a careful examination of the record and parol proofs, the committee are fully satisfied that David Richardson did serve as much as two years, and was entitled to a pension of \$80 per annum. The comptroller, W. F. Collins, esq., of North Carolina, certifies to payments made to David Richardson; and two revolutionary pensioners, Jacob Gaster, and James Monk, swear to the said David Richardson's revolutionary services, both serving at the same time. For these reasons, in the opinion of the committee, the children surviving of the said David Richardson and his wife Sarah, are justly entitled to the arrears of pension for as much as two years' service, and therefore submit the accompanying bill.

